(b) if so, whether it would be in Public Sector or Private Sector; and

(c) what will be the total expenditure for this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Govt. of Tamilnadu in October, 1991 requested the Ministry of Coal, Govt. of India to accord approval to undertake mining of lignite in Jayamkondam area for thermal power generation through a joint sector venture viz. M|s. Jayamkondam Lignite Power Corporation Ltd. (JIPC) between M|s. Tamilnadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (TIDCO), a Govt of Tamilnadu undertaking and M|s. Monally Engg Co. Central Govt.'s no objection, in principle, has been conveyed in November, 1992.

(c) The Feasibility Reports for the proposed mine (9 million tonnes|year) and for the proposed Thermal Power Station (3×500 MW) are under preparation. The total expenditure for the scheme would be known on their completion.

BAN PUT IN BY BPE FOR EMPLOYMENT TO DISPLACED FAMILY MEMBERS OF COAL ACQUIRED LAND

2328. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider the ban put in February, 1986 by the BPE on offering employment by the coal companies to one member of the families displaced by land acquisition for coal;

(b) whether it is a fact that because of such a ban, land acquisition has become difficult; and

(c) what would be the likely number of jobs required to be offered if such a ban is removed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) There is no proposal as you to review the ban put in February, 1986 by the erstwhile Bureau of Public Enterprises on offering of employment by the coal companies to one member of the families displaced by land acquisition for coal projects.

(b) The ban has affected land acquisition to some extent.

(c) Keeping in view large areas pending for land acquisition involving tenancy land of about 20,000 Ha., it is difficult to indicate, at present, the number of jobs that would be required for the purpose before the number of families that would be affected is known.

DELAY IN TAKING POSSESSION OF COAL BEARING LAND

2329. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total land involved in land acquisition cases under the coal bearing areas (Acquisition & Development) Act, 1957, in which the possession of land is not taken place;

(b) what is the extent to which there has been delay in completion of the projects;

(c) what are the state, District and areas where such a problem exists; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to sort out this problem at the earliest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (d) The records of land acquisition are not kept in a centralised manner by the Government and as such the time and effort involved in collecting and compiling the information may not be commensurate with the result sought to be achieved.